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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Dreier of California submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that U.S. military and humanitarian assistance to the Afghan resistance should be maintained until the Soviet Union completely withdraws its troops from Afghanistan.

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Whereas the bloody war in Afghanistan between the anti-communist Afghan mujahidin ("warriors for the faith") and Soviet and Soviet-backed Afghan government troops is in its ninth year;

Whereas the world community has condemned the continued Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and called for a complete withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan and self-determination for the Afghan people in a resolution adopted by the United Nations each year since the Soviet invasion in December, 1979;

Whereas U.S. military and humanitarian assistance has been credited with bringing the Soviets to the bargaining table to seek a negotiated settlement of the Afghan war;

Whereas the Soviet Union continues to pour sophisticated military hardware into Afghanistan and to improve its defensive infrastructure despite its professed willingness to negotiate a withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan;

Whereas earlier Soviet pronouncements on a troop withdrawal from Afghanistan have been described by U.S. intelligence experts as deceptive and have illustrated that the Soviets cannot be trusted to honor commitments on a withdrawal;

Whereas a premature cut-off of U.S. military and humanitarian assistance to the Afghan resistance could give the Soviet Union an opportunity to reverse its troop withdrawal and impose its military presence on the Afghan people once again;

Whereas the United States must continue its commitment to the Afghan people in order to insure that the Soviets are unable to accomplish in negotiations that which they have not secured on the battlefield;

Whereas the Afghan resistance has displayed significant political development by forming a representative body (the Islamic Alliance of Afghanistan Mujahidin, or the "Alliance") of the seven Afghan political parties and electing a chairman, as well as achieving greater coordination of communications and supply networks. Further, Afghan Alliance committees have expanded their activities to include health, education, agriculture, and commodity support programs for the Afghan communities and Afghan refugees within the country.

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Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),
that the Congress calls upon the President to:

1) maintain U.S. military and humanitarian assistance to the Afghan
resistance at current levels until the Soviet Union completely and
unconditionally withdraws its forces from Afghanistan,

2) insure that any political solution to the war in Afghanistan
guarantees the self-determination of the Afghan people.

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